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FACT SHEET

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Office of Court Construction and Management

The Office of Court Construction and Management (OCCM) was established in August 2003 as a division of the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to implement the Trial Court Facilities Act of 2002 (Sen. Bill 1732; Stats. 2002, ch. 1082), landmark legislation that shifts governance of California's courthouses from the counties to the state. OCCM's stewardship includes trial court facilities master planning; strategic planning for capital outlay and funding to support design and construction of new and renovated courthouses; and real estate and facility management for the Supreme Court, Courts of Appeal, and superior courts statewide.

Mission

To create and maintain court buildings that reflect the highest standards of excellence.

Current Programs

Court facilities transfers

OCCM executes the key provisions of SB 1732, including the transfer of responsibility and title for more than 450 court facilities from the counties to the state. The Judicial Council and the AOC represent the state in all aspects of transfer negotiations, assume responsibility for the administration and maintenance of court facilities following transfer, and administer all court construction and improvement projects.

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Trial courts: Capital outlay planning

Trial court and county leaders collaborated with OCCM to develop a 20-year facility master plan for each of the 58 superior courts in California. The projects were rated using a procedure approved by the Judicial Council and were subsequently consolidated in the AOC's *Trial Court Five-Year Capital Outlay Plan*. The plan ranks 201 court facility projects statewide and includes at least one project in each county. It

includes critical security and health/life safety improvements in California's court buildings, many of which are in a state of significant disrepair. Long-term funding in the form of a general obligation bond is necessary to fund the plan.

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Trial courts: Consultation and advocacy

OCCM directly supports the trial courts' facility planning initiatives. Because the counties are responsible for providing the trial courts with "necessary and suitable" facilities until the transfers are executed, OCCM assists courts in identifying their facility needs and advocating for their positions with the counties.

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Trial courts: Operations and maintenance

OCCM manages the delivery of facilities operations and maintenance (O&M) services to courts following transfer. The office maintains a call center for court staff to report facilities problems and is implementing Computer-Aided Facilities Management (CAFM), a Web-based system that houses data, documentation, and processes related to the design, construction, operations, and maintenance of court buildings.

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Appellate courts: Acquisition and development

OCCM will establish a comprehensive five-year capital facilities plan for the appellate courts based on their needs and preexisting programs and will work closely with the courts to meet their space requirements. Currently OCCM is overseeing the design and construction of new courthouses for the Fifth Appellate District and Division Three of the Fourth Appellate District, in partnership with the courts.

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Additional resources:

Programs and publications, including *Trial Court Five-Year Capital Outlay Plan*,
www.courtinfo.ca.gov/programs/occm/